What is the AWID Forum?

The AWID Forum offers a space for deep discussion, exchange, and inspiration. The Forum is a space to strengthen feminist movements and work on taking action together. Our last Forum in Bahia, Brazil, brought together 1,800 feminists from 120 countries.
This year’s Forum is about:

“Feminist Realities: Our Power in Action”

**Feminist realities** are *the worlds we know are possible*, which:

- embody hope and power
- show us a different way of living, thinking and doing
- resist dominant power systems, like patriarchy
- resist capitalism
- resist white supremacy
- change the daily ways we live and relate to each other
- create better governance and justice systems.

AWID wants this Forum to be a feminist reality, where you:

- feel a different, inspiring, hopeful world
- bring your victories and share community solutions.

AWID wants the Forum to be unique. Join us to make this world!
It will be worth it!
The AWID Forum has 6 smaller themes

- Resources for Communities, Movements and Economic Justice
- Governance, Accountability and Justice
- Feminist Digital Realities
- Bodies, Pleasure and Wellbeing
- The Planet and other Living Beings
- Feminist Organizing

Click here for more about these themes.
AWID is looking for people like you to lead Forum activities!

AWID is looking for activities and workshops that:

- are interactive and creative
- celebrate powerful feminist realities
- are hopeful, energizing and transformative.

There is a lot of energy in our movements! There are more activity ideas than can fit into each AWID forum's time limits.

AWID will prioritize activities that are:

- led by the people most affected by the problem who find their solutions
- multi-dimensional
- intersectional (linking together many issues and movements)
- engaging
- creative.
Do you have an activity idea to share?
Please send a proposal!

Here is how:

- **Step 1**: Check that your idea fits the Forum
- **Step 2**: Make your activity strong
- **Step 3**: Send your proposal
- **Step 4**: Figure out how you will pay for your trip
- **Step 5**: Wait to hear from AWID

**Proposal deadline**

The end of your day on **January 31, 2020**
Step 1 - Check that your idea fits the Forum

Ask yourself:

- Does your idea fit into AWID’s Framework of Feminist Realities? Click here for the framework.

- Which experiences or ideas do you want to share? How does it break the logic of dominant systems?

  For example, if you are creating a cooperative, you are breaking the capitalist logic of workers who generate profit for employers. If you are part of a medical abortion hotline, you break the patriarchal idea that only doctors know about women’s bodies.

- AWID is looking for ideas that are shared in an engaging, interesting way. In step 2 we’ll share some ideas for how to do that.
Step 2 - Make your activity strong

AWID invites you to make this Forum a space full of opportunities to interact!

We want the Forum to be more interactive than panels (where only 4 people speak). Try some of the ideas on the next page!

How long can your activity be?

You can propose:

- an activity that can be done in a normal block of time
  Examples: 90 minutes, or 120 minutes

- an activity that runs longer
  Examples: an art exhibition that is open during all of the Forum, or a 5-6 hour activity

- other creative ideas. AWID would love to hear them! Just check the “Other” option in the proposal form.
Here are examples of some activity formats to help you imagine what your own activity could be like.

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<td>...imagine feminist futures and inspiring feminist realities.</td>
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<td>Examples: make art installations together, scenarios building</td>
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<td><strong>Experiences</strong></td>
<td>...feel, touch and experience feminist realities through creative approaches.</td>
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<td>Examples: market that uses feminist processes and goods, experience what a feminist court might be like</td>
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<td><strong>Skill Share</strong></td>
<td>...share or strengthen feminist reality knowledge, tools and processes.</td>
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<td>Examples: facilitate a popular education workshop to build consensus</td>
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<td>Great Debates</td>
<td>...debate different points of view on feminist reality issues.</td>
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<td>Example: Invite people to speak from different sides on: “the best way to fight the Far Right”</td>
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<td>Dialogues at the Faultlines</td>
<td>...deepen understanding at points of tension within feminist movements. These tensions are used by the opposition.</td>
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<td>Example: Invite people to have discussions using active listening and story-telling</td>
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<td>Firestarters</td>
<td>...hear short speeches that inspire with new ideas, perspectives and frameworks.</td>
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<td>Example: 3 people talk for 5 minutes on “ecofeminism”, with interactive conversations afterwards</td>
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<td><strong>Not knowing and learning together</strong></td>
<td>...ask big questions, test ideas, design possibilities or take the next steps in your feminist realities project.</td>
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<td>Example: A lab to explore how a group would work without punishment culture. You use these conversations for your ‘Fighting Patriarchy and Prisons’ campaign.</td>
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Step 3 - Send your proposal

Proposal deadline
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Send your Forum activity idea as a proposal to AWID by the deadline. Sorry, AWID will not consider any proposal sent after the deadline.

Ways you can submit your proposal

Option 1: Click this link to fill out the form online
We also offer the possibility to fill-in an easy-read version of the submission form.
Please contact us at cfa14@awid.org.

Option 2: Send a video or audio recording.
Record yourself answering the questions in the same order as in the form.
It should be .mp4 format if video or .mp3 if audio.
Contact cfa14@awid.org to send your recording.
**Step 4 - Figure out how to pay for your trip**

As you plan for the Forum, please think about how you will pay for your trip.

**Your costs might include:** travel to and from your home, travel to and from the Forum site, travel visa, where to stay, food, Forum registration fees.

**Option 1: Your current funder**

Your best option is always your current funder. Tell your funders that you want to attend the AWID Forum to learn, experience, exchange and network even if your activity does not get chosen. Many funders are deciding now how to spend funds for 2020. Ask them as soon as you can!

**Option 2: AWID’s Access Fund**

AWID wants the Forum to be a truly global gathering. AWID wants people at the Forum from different movements, regions, and ages. AWID has an Access Fund to help with your Forum costs.
To apply to the AWID Access Fund, note this in your proposal form.

AWID can not help everyone who asks for money from the fund. Keep looking for other options until you hear back from AWID. You will hear about Access Fund decisions by the end of June 2020.

**More options**

You can find more suggestions and support for funding at this link.
Step 5 - Wait to hear from AWID

What happens after you submit your proposal?

**Round 1:**
AWID staff will choose which applications move to round 2 based on the list of what AWID is looking for on page 5.

**Round 2:**
The people who submitted the proposals that were chosen in round 1 will vote.

**Final round:**
The final proposals will be chosen by AWID based on:
- Those with the most votes
- Balance across regions, identities, communities, issues and activity approaches.
How to get help

Click here for ‘Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s) about the Forum.

Email questions to: cfa14@awid.org